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IN MEMORIAM

Paul F. White

It is with deep regret that I report the death on January 16, 1993 of Paul F. White, the former Treasurer of the New England Numismatic Association, after a long and courageous battle against cancer. Paul was for many years a Director on the NENA Board, and in 1988 he assumed the duties of Treasurer of our organization. Paul was an avid collector, specializing in tokens and medals. He belonged to many local and national numismatic groups and clubs. Paul was an officer of many local clubs, including the Framingham Coin Club, the Boston Numismatic Society, the Collectors Club of Boston, and the Treasure Hunters Club. He served on the committees for the successful ANA conventions held in Boston in 1973 and 1982. Paul was a nationally known authority on Civil War Tokens and Brunswick Tokens, and wrote articles which appeared in the Token and Medal Society publication TAMS. He contributed to the recently issued NENA Medal Catalog, drawing upon his vast knowledge of NENA and its history. Paul's efforts on behalf of our organization over the years have helped us to sustain a positive presence in the New England collecting community, even through difficult times.

Paul was a U.S. Navy veteran who served on the nuclear submarine U.S.S. Nautilus. He was the owner and president of White's of New England, a metal detector company located in Framingham, Massachusetts. Paul leaves his wife Alice, his daughter Kelly, and his son Michael, as well as his mother, brother and sister.

Donations in Paul's memory may be made to the Metro West Hospice, 50 Lawrence Street, Framingham, MA 01701, or Dana Farber Mesotheliomia Research, 33 Binney Street, Boston, MA.

Paul and I served together on many committees and boards over the years. Our families have grown up together, sharing many good times, especially those related to NENA and the friends we met again every year at the conventions.

Paul was a good and honest person, and a very special friend. We shall all miss him.

John Mullen

EXHIBIT AWARD WINNERS
1992 NENA CONFERENCE

UNITED STATES COINS	William Jones
FOREIGN COINS	Thomas Rockwell
ANCIENTS BEFORE 1250	Larry Gentile
MISCELLANEOUS, SPECIALIZED, ODD AND CURIOUS	Robert Heath
MEDALS	John Mullen

There were no entries in the Paper Money, Junior, or Non-competetive exhibit categories.

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Arthur M. Fitts, III

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BEST OF SHOW
William Jones

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NENA PAST PRESIDENTS FUND

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This year when we mailed out the annual dues bills for 1993 NENA membership, we suggested that members mailing in their dues might consider adding a donation to the NENA Past Presidents Fund to their checks. The NENA Past Presidents Fund supports our Young Numismatists activities at our annual convention. At the 1992 convention, money from the Fund was used to provide lunch and numismatic materials for 28 young collectors. We are pleased to report that many members have contributed. Anyone who wishes to donate may send their contribution to: NENA Past Presidents Fund, P.O. Box 383, Newtonville, MA 02160

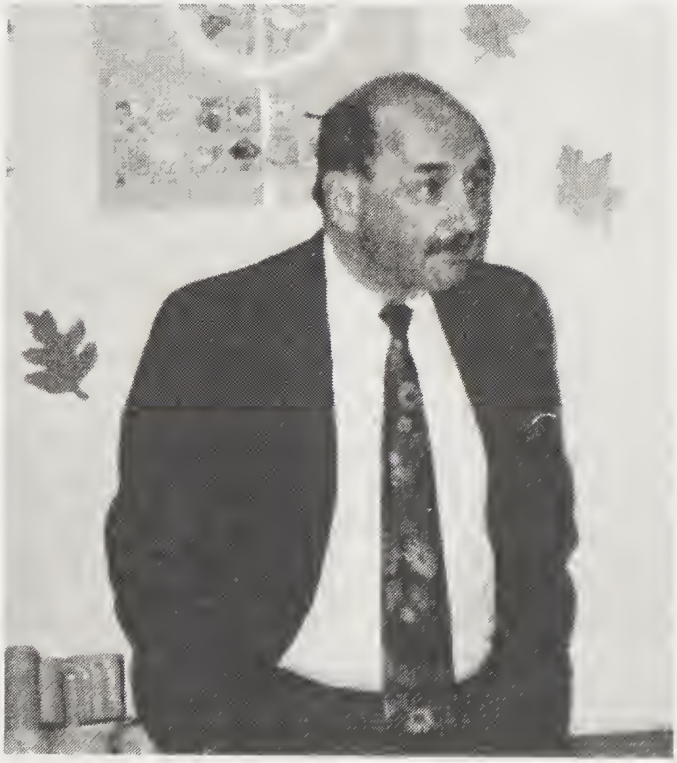
1992 NENA exhibit award winners John Mullen, Tom Rockwell, Bill Jones (Best of Show), and Larry Gentile at the October convention in Worcester.

NENA Executive Secretary John Mullen and Treasurer Bob Anderson thank Ed Rochette, ANA President, for his part in the successful 1992 convention.

NENA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ANNUAL MEETINGS

The meeting of the NENA Board of Directors was called to order by John D. Mullen, Executive Secretary, at 11:20 a.m. on October 24, 1992 at the 1992 Conference in Worcester at the Mount Carmel Recreation Center. The minutes of the September 12 meeting were accepted as printed in the NENA News. After a brief discussion on the proposed merger with Tom Lacey for the 1993 NENA Conference, the board voted to announce this to the members at the general meeting to follow the board meeting. The directors whose terms were to expire in 1992 were elected to serve for another two-year term; those directors are Sylvia Johnson, Jan Dyroff, and Ted Barrett. The annual meeting then began at 12:05 p.m. with an overflow crowd of NENA members and guests assembled to hear Ed Rochette, President of the American Numismatic Association. Ed spoke of the history of the hobby, contrasting the earlier days of collecting before investors came into the hobby. He told the audience that the collector has always been the backbone of the hobby, continuing to pursue numismatics through bad times as well as good. Ed spoke about the ANA Board's desire to have collectors part of a numismatic advisory board which will review the issuance of commemorative coinage by the US government. After his enlightening and informative talk, Ed fielded questions from the audience which promoted lively discussion and much participation. In appreciation of Ed's contribution to the success of the conference, he was presented with a set of a silver and bronze 1992 NENA medals. John Mullen then introduced Tom Lacey who explained his plans for combining his commercial coin show with NENA and its activities in a joint venture which he has named New England '93. Tom will provide the dealer base and manage the bourse and all matters pertaining to the facilities, while NENA will manage registration and the educational programs and exhibits associated with the annual conferences. The Board members explained to the audience that this joint venture is an effort to broaden the exposure of NENA as an educational association while leaving the bourse management to a professional who has a proven record of running successful coin shows. The meeting adjourned at 1:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary W. Mullen, Recording Secretary



ANA President Ed Rochette addressing Annual Meeting audience at October 1992 NENA convention in Worcester, his home town.

1992 NENA Convention Little Theatre speakers Bill Jones, Arthur Fitts, Jan Dyroff, and Alvan Jones.

NEW ENGLAND '93

CONVENTION UPDATE
by Tom Lacey

In my role as Bourse Chairman for the 1993 NENA Coin Convention, I can say that with your help the convention our Board of Directors has planned should be the best in years.

My involvement with NENA began with a proposal to the Board that they develop a solid educational program for the collectors while I, as a commercial promoter, rebuild the dealer base of participation. This proposal was approved at the 1992 Annual Meeting in October.

Although this type of commercial/non-profit partnership has been successful in other parts of the US and Canada, it is virtually unheard of in this area. I believe that this is the wave of the future as coin show management, like most other things in life, has become much more complicated. A well run show in the 90's really requires a full time hands on approach, and that's where we as longtime show promoters came into the picture.

While I work on the commercial aspects, our Board now has the time to further develop and expand NENA educational programs. Another future aim will be to provide stronger support to local New England area clubs in acting as a true "umbrella" organization under which member clubs can exchange information. Additional assistance could also be provided to local program chairpersons concerning speakers and audio-visual programs. The culmination of all these efforts will be our annual conventions where everyone comes together to enjoy the programs and the bourse. Most importantly, however, is the opportunity to sit down and exchange ideas with our fellow collectors on how to make our hobby more stimulating and more enjoyable for all.

"Where to begin?" you ask. How about a beautiful and fully functional home for our convention. After looking at nearly twenty hotels and at least talking with another thirty, I was surprised to find myself back at what some of you know as the Sheraton-Lincoln. This hotel, now a newly refurbished Holiday

Inn (they were still painting the meeting rooms when I first toured it) is perfect for our use. It's located on the outskirts of Worcester which combines the convenience of a suburban hotel with the advantage of a nearby population center. In an effort to make the convention reachable to everyone in New England, Worcester also seemed like the logical choice due to its location as the geographical center of New England and its excellent highway access.

The main ballroom will comfortable hold 90 bourse tables plus exhibits (yes, we are serious about the 90 tables) and several meeting rooms are directly across from the ballroom entrance. These will serve as our meeting and program rooms during the convention.

Again keeping in mind that this is the New England Numismatic Association, room rates were a major area of concern to the Board. Many organizations, like the ANA, will take free rooms for their own officers and staff in trade for a so-so rate offered to the membership. The Board made it clear that their interest was the best rate possible for all participants. As a result, our agreement with the Holiday Inn includes a solid 40% discount off the regular September rates. Being a college town, local hotels are always busy in September so we would like to emphasize that you should make your reservations NOW while rooms are available. You can always cancel if it becomes necessary, but delaying only increases your chance of disappointment. Details about reserving a room are found elsewhere in this issue. Be sure to ask for the New England Coin Show Special Rate when reserving your room.

Another big change is moving the show from Saturday/Sunday to Friday/Saturday. I stressed to the Board that we could gain a huge advantage in recruiting dealers with this one change. Currently many other regional shows make their dealers stay on Sunday -- mostly against their will, since Sunday is usually a weak business day for a multi-day show. Early contact with potential table dealers has shown strong enthusiasm for these hours with most saying that they would be inclined to show up early and stay near to the end to squeeze in as much business as possible. That's exactly what we wanted to hear -- a large enthusiastic group of dealers looking to do business with you!

Speaking of enthusiasm, Bob Moffatt is teaming up with Fred Serafino of Connecticut Numismatic Auctions to produce a

superb 350+ lot auction for Friday night. The auction will be held right in the hotel, and Fred recently mentioned that he's already been contacted by several consignors looking to offer very choice material. For consignment or catalog information, call Fred Serafino at (203) 276-9223.

On another subject, we are in the process of contacting many of the regional and specialty clubs to see if they would like an opportunity to meet at the convention. It's a golden opportunity to meet fellow collectors who share a special interest with you. NENA will provide one of its meeting rooms at no charge. If you are a member of a specialty club, such as EAC, CONECA, or the LSCC, get the ball rolling by contacting your national representatives and asking them to check with members in the Northeast to gauge interest in a NENA meeting where fellow members can have the opportunity to exchange ideas and get to know one another better. I can tell you from personal experience that it's well worth the small effort to organize a meeting. For more information, or to schedule a meeting, write to John Mullen, NENA, P.O. Box 383, Newtonville, MA 02160.

We are also looking for speakers to present informal talks about special areas they enjoy in numismatics. Ever wonder why the whole world doesn't love and collect, for instance, Hobo nickels like you do? It's probably because they don't know much about them. You can offer them the chance to learn from your experiences in your particular field of special interest. Again I speak from personal experience when I tell you that You will get just as much enjoyment out to the interaction from your audience as you begin to awaken an interest in them with your presentation. For more information or assistance in putting together a program, write to Jan Dyroff at the NENA address above; he is coordinating the NENA Little Theater programs for the convention.

Exhibitors -- begin thinking now about a theme for your exhibit at New England '93. We were very pleased to see 20 cases of exhibits at last year's convention. We have 26 cases available this year and want to see every one of them filled with material that will demonstrate to our anticipated strong crowd what collecting is all about. NENA awards prizes in several different categories so get those competitive thoughts going. Jim Rolston will be the NENA Exhibit Chairman for this year's convention. All members will be sent an exhibit application and

information in their pre-registration and medal order mailing which will be sent by first class mail in June. As I think about this -- what about one of our past prize winners stepping forward to give us a talk on how to put together a prize-winning exhibit?

An very important event at the annual NENA convention is the YN Program for Young Numismatists, held on Saturday. Each year NENA sponsors these YN activities for young collectors, so they can get together and share their experiences while learning more about the hobby. Larry Gentile of New York, the NENA YN Coordinator, leads the program, assisted by local volunteers. Last year, there were 28 YNs at the convention program which included preparing for the Coin Collecting Merit Badge for Boy and Girl Scouts.

I would like to mention two final thoughts as I close. The first is that I would like to openly thank the Board for their willingness to listen to my proposal. It's my sincere hope that at the conclusion of the 93 convention you will want to give each of them a hearty "well done" for putting NENA back into the forefront of regional organizations, but I would like to give them credit now. It's easy and safe to say no to anything unusual or new. It's also a sure road to mediocrity. Your Board instead chose a path that invites the risk of criticism because they believe as I do that the risk is small compared to the upside possibility of the '90s being remembered as one to this organization's best decades.

This brings me to my final thought. I hope my outline of what's in store for New England '93 makes you realize that this organization is going to be a challenging and fun place to be in the years to come. To fully realize all of our plans, however, help is needed -- from YOU! If you would like to help us build NENA into the envy of every regional organization, we would love to bring you aboard our convention staff. Registration, exhibits, meetings, programs, the raffle, awards -- we welcome your participation in any of these areas on Friday, Saturday or both days if you can. Please contact John Mullen of NENA at P.O. Box 383, Newtonville, MA 02160, or me at Massasoit Rare Coins, P.O. Box 406 Wrentham, MA 02093.

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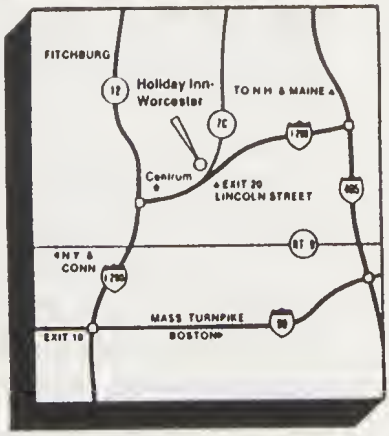

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NENA BOARD MEETING JANUARY 16, 1993

The meeting of the NENA Board of Directors was called to order by John Mullen at 10:30 a.m. on January 16, 1993 at the home of John Kittredge in Worcester, Massachusetts. Those present were John Kittredge, Ted Barrett, Bob Anderson, Al Jones, Jack Kiley, Jon Melick, and Mary Mullen. Tom and Andrea Lacey and Bob Fritsch were present as guests. Most of the discussion at this meeting centered on plans for the upcoming joint venture between NENA and Tom Lacey to be known as New England '93. This will be held Friday, and Saturday, September 24-25, 1993, at the Holiday Inn Worcester located at 500 Lincoln Street. This location is the site of previous NENA conventions; it is easily accessible, and can provide ample space for a bourse of more than 80 dealers. The group voted to charge admission to the general public of $1 per day or $1.50 for both days. A motion was made to offer free admission to NENA members paying their 1994 dues, or new members who join NENA at the show; the board voted unanimously to approve this motion. Tom agreed that all dealers will be required to be NENA members. Tom will manage all functions related to the bourse and will coordinate security with the hotel. An auction will be held on Friday evening, and catalogs will be available in advance to be requested by mail. More details on the auction, including information on the mail bid process, will be made available to NENA members through the NENA News. Jan Dyroff volunteered to coordinate the Little Theatre presentations for the convention. Tom will work with John Mullen in coordinating meeting schedules for clubs and associations who may wish to meet at the convention, and arranging for the awards brunch to be held on Saturday morning. The Board discussed the annual NENA medal striking, and agreed to a theme based on the 200th anniversary of the first American coinage. John Mullen will contact V.H. Blackinton and request a preliminary design proposal to be presented at the next Board meeting. A suggestion was made to the Board that NENA consider striking the 1993 medal in copper rather than bronze. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Board will be held on Sunday, April 18, at the Holiday Inn Worcester at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary W. Mullen, Recording Secretary

R.S. TORREY, MAINE'S ONLY CIVIL WAR TOKEN MERCHANT

BY BILL JONES

"R.S. Torrey, Maine Beehive" is a familiar business name to those who collect Civil War tokens by state. Torrey was the only Maine merchant who issued Civil War tokens, and his pieces are popular with collectors. Until recently, however, few collectors even knew his first name.

Much of what we know about R.S. Torrey was researched by Jud Petrie. Petrie published his findings in the Spring, 1992 issue of the "Civil War Token Journal." Much of the information presented here was taken from Mr. Petrie's article.

Ruggles S. Torrey was born in Scituate, Massachusetts in 1813. He was the fifth of ten children. His father, Captain Daniel Torrey, who was a shipbuilder and merchant sailor, moved his family to Maine after Ruggles was born. There the elder Torrey was the first of a family of shipbuilders who became prominent in the Maine nautical industry.

Torrey married Rebecca Hall in 1847. Oddly he was one of three Torrey brothers who married a sister from the Hall family. Torrey had two children, a daughter, Junietta, who died in childhood, and a son, forrest, who died in 1925.

Like his father, Ruggles earned most of his living from the sea. The 1850 and 1870 St. George, Maine census listed Torrey as a sailor. In 1860 he was listed as a lighthouse keeper in the St. George census and a beekeeper in the Bangor, Maine records. By 1880, he was enrolled in the St. George census records as a retired sailor. Torrey also served for two terms as a town selectman and was a Mason.

Torrey's beekeeping business was a secondary occupation. He spent the warm months in Bangor, Maine where he kept bees and the remaining months in St. George. On June 7, 1859, the government issued patent # 24352 to Torrey for his beehive design. Torrey's invention bore no resemblance to the classic, cone-shaped 19th century beehive that was made of straw. Torrey's hive was a square box with glass windows and a cupola top. His device had six tin tubes for ventilation and feeding, and there were glass encased boxes for storing honey. The advanced ventilation system protected the bees from

moisture, which was a major threat to the insects during the winter months. The government issued a second beehive patent to Torrey in 1869, but his improvements were mostly cosmetic.

Ruggles Torrey was one of a comparatively small number of Civil War era merchants who issued tokens that were struck by more than one maker. Torrey bought his first tokens in 1863 from Shubael Childs of Chicago, Illinois. Childs was a very prolific Civil War token producer who made most of his pieces for mid-western merchants. He had several customers on the east coast, including Harvard, Massachusetts livery stable owner, W.C. Wright, who issued the "Bay State Horse Power" token (Fuld MA 320A-1a). The Childs company was in business until the early 1930's.

Child's tokens were well made, but they are not artistic. The reverse of the Torrey piece (Fuld ME 100A-1a) reads, "R.S. Torrey / Inventor / of the / Maine State / Beehive / 5th Street/ Bangor, Me." The obverse is a "generic" design that features a liberty head that is similar to the one that appeared on the nickel three cent piece starting in 1865. The liberty head is surrounded by 13 stars and the date, 1863. This is the scarcer of the two major Torrey varieties. It is rarity rated as an R-6 (20 to 75 pieces) with perhaps 50 to 60 pieces known.

Torrey purchased a second group of tokens in 1864 from the Scoville Company of Waterbury, Connecticut. The Scoville Company, which is now listed in the "Fortune 500", produced numerous pieces throughout the 19th century including many Hard Times tokens. Scoville made some merchants' tokens and many more patriotic pieces. Their die work was excellent, and many Scoville tokens are very attractive.

The business side of Torrey's Scoville token (Fuld ME 100A-2a in copper and 2b in bronze) is similar to the Childs piece. The main difference is that his 5th Street address is replaced by the date, 1864. The reverse is a "generic" Scoville design that features an eagle perched on a Union shield. This design was used for several patriotic and merchants' Civil War tokens.

The Scoville variety of the Torrey tokens is more common than the Childs piece. A few hundred examples of this token are known, and they are usually in Extremely Fine or better condition. Many dealers who specialize in Civil War tokens

have this piece in stock. The price is high for a Civil War token, $40 to $50. Many collectors want a Civil War token from each state, and Torrey was the only wartime Maine merchant. The Childs token, which is much more scarce, sells for only $20 to $30 more than the Scoville piece because most collectors do not want both varieties.

The Torrey Maine Beehive tokens are interesting and attractive, and anyone who collects New England items should consider adding one to their collection.

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Childs Variety

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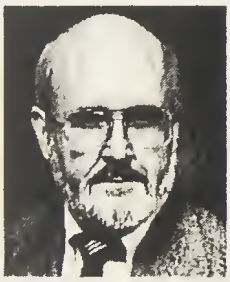

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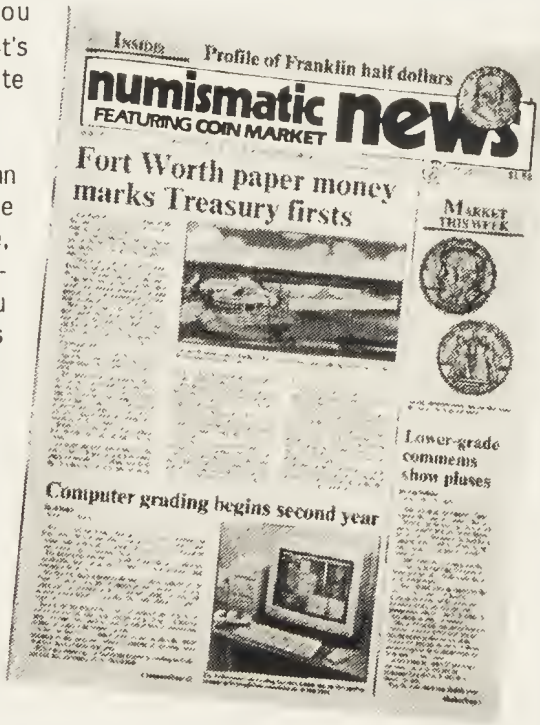
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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow NENA Members:

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that my wife and I will not be seeking reelection to our positions of Executive Secretary and Recording Secretary of NENA this Fall.

When our terms expire at the end of 1993, we will have completed over twenty years of service to NENA and we believe it is time to step aside and give someone else the opportunity to assume these positions. Now would be an excellent time for you to come forward and get involved in NENA as a Board member. NENA has long been fortunate to have a supportive group of members serving on its Board, but it is time to actively seek new members to help direct the future of our association. We believe this is an ideal time to broaden the base of our Board by adding new members.

This is a particularly exciting time for our organization because for the first time this association has joined forces with a professional show promoter, Tom Lacey, to bring you New England '93. Our 49th convention on September 24 and 25 in Worcester promises to have a large bourse area, continuing educational activities such as our Young Numismatist programs, Little Theater speakers, and exhibits and displays. NEW ENGLAND '93 promises to be an outstanding numismatic event.

We need you to help direct and support NENA's future, to get involved and contribute to this organization and to our hobby. The Board meets four or five times yearly, and at the annual convention. Meetings are generally held on a weekend day, and last about three hours. Please feel free to write to us at the NENA box, or to call us at (617) 969-4989. We will offer whatever assistance we can to any volunteers who may choose to assume these challenging and rewarding positions.

We look forward to seeing you in Worcester, September 24 and 25, at NEW ENGLAND '93.

Best regards,
John Mullen

NEW ENGLAND '93 UPDATE

by Tom Lacey

The Board and I are pleased to announce that plans for New England '93 are proceeding very nicely. We now have dealer commitments for 56 tables which to my knowledge would make this one of the biggest bourses in NENA's history. As I write this, two months still remain before the show and we're confident that we can add to this number significantly by the time we all roll into Worcester in September. Last week we released our new promotional card for the convention and response has been very positive. Its unusual size (approximately 4-1/2" by 12-1/4") has brought lots of comments, many saying it looks like a room service menu! These comments have been made in good fun but the point is that it is being picked up and read wherever we've placed it so far and that is our goal. The unusual size is actually designed to fit rather neatly between cases at dealers' tables and you'll be seeing these everywhere at shows as soon as we have begun aggressively distributing the first of the 8000 promos we had printed. NENA promos will even be found around the floor and out front at the ANA convention in Baltimore. We are working out a special ANA promo designed to attract ANA dealers to NEW ENGLAND '93, and my wife Andrea and I will be "working the floor" to get the word out.

On another subject, rooms at the Holiday Inn-Worcester are selling quickly. We managed to convince the hotel to extend the cutoff date for reserving a room at the bargain show rate of $59. Do not delay any longer or you'll be facing either a $95 rate or having to use another hotel. We do not want anyone disappointed, so I want to stress the fact that the hotel has told me that after August 23 rooms will not be available at the convention price under any circumstances. If you even think you might be staying over, reserve a room now. If circumstances force a change in your plans you can always cancel at no charge to you.

We have received some response to our requests for volunteers to help at the convention but we need more. In particular, we would like to see some help at the registration table and with

transitions from one meeting or speaker to another. We are entering a new period of regrowth of NENA. Be one of the people who'll be able to say "I was there from the beginning and I helped make it all happen for NENA." I can tell you that everyone I've been associated with since rejoining the organization has been very open and supportive and I'd think that working alongside these friendly and dedicated men and women would be a great experience. Contact John Mullen at NENA, P.O. Box 383, Newtonville, MA 02160, or you can reach Tom Lacey Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at (508) 543-7711. For those of you with access to a fax, Tom can be reached 24 hours a day at (508) 543-7500. Join us!

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES
NEW ENGLAND '93

Friday, September 24

Exhibitor set-up	10:00 a.m.
Early Bird Admission	10:00 a.m.
General Public Admission	Noon
NENA Board meeting	6:30 p.m.
Bourse closes	7:00 p.m.
Auction	7:15 p.m.

Saturday, September 25

Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
Exhibitor set-up	9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
Little Theater starts	9:00 a.m.
Bourse opens	10:00 a.m.
Young Numismatists	10:30 a.m.
NENA General Meeting	Noon
Raffle	3:30 p.m.
Bourse closes	4:00 p.m.

Admission charge will be $1 for one day or $1.50 for both days. NENA Life Members, Young Numismatists accompanied by an adult, and NENA members paying 1994 dues will be admitted without charge. *Complete schedule of all activities will be printed in convention booklet to be distributed at the show.

NENA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The meeting of the NENA Board of Directors held on Sunday, April 18, 1993 at the Worcester Holiday Inn was called to order by John Mullen, Executive Secretary, at 1:10 p.m. Those present were Robert Anderson, Jan Dyroff, Sylvia Johnson, Jack Kiley, Jim Rolston, Beth Rolston, Duncan MacLean, Robert Fritsch, Alvan Jones, Barbara Jones, Ted Barrett, Tom Lacey and Andrea Lacey. The minutes of the previous Board Meeting were accepted as printed in the NENA News. Bob Anderson gave his Treasurer's report. Duncan MacLean offered an additional report on the interim account used by NENA for last year's convention, which had been closed in December.

John Mullen passed around the proposed medal design prepared by V.H. Blackinton; the Board approved the design with minor changes which would be relayed to the medal company. The Board voted to strike the medal in copper rather than bronze, which would be more in line with the medal theme of the 1793 half cent. The Board approved the medal prices for 1993; the three piece set (gold-plate, silver, and copper) $40, silver $25, copper $7. The sets will be sold by subsciption only, through an order form mailed to all active members.

Tentative schedules for the September convention were discussed and will be finalized at the next Board meeting to allow notification to members. Local or specialty clubs and groups are invited to arrange meeting times on Saturday if they wish. Jim Rolston volunteered to be the exhibit chairman. It was agreed that the exhibits can be set up on Friday beginning at 10:00 a.m. although the show will not open to the general public until noon, and on Saturday beginning at 9:00 a.m.; all exhibits must be in place before 10:00 on Saturday. There will be a Little Theater program with speakers coordinated by Jan Dyroff. Duncan MacLean will coordinate the Coin Collecting Merit Badge program for Boy and Girl Scouts at the convention.

Tom Lacey brought the group up to date about the progress of his plans for the convention. He said that he had sent contracts out to dealers and had good response thus far. He is working with the hotel to secure additional meeting space, and has arranged special room rates for the convention. Tom

spoke of his plans for publicizing the show.

John and Mary Mullen told the Board that they would not seek reelection to their present positions of Executive Secretary and Recording Secretary when their terms of office expire in the Fall.

The next meeting will be held in July at the Holiday Inn. After adjourning at 3:30 p.m., the group roured the bourse area.

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The meeting of the Board of Directors of NENA held on Sunday, July 25, 1993 was called to order at 1:25 p.m. by John Mullen, Executive Secretary. Those present were Robert Anderson, John Kittredge, Pierre Brassard, Robert Fritsch, Jon Melick, Alvan Jones, Barbara Jones, Jack Kiley, Duncan MacLean, Ted Barrett, Tom Lacey and Andrea Lacey. The minutes of the April 18 meeting were accepted as read. Robert Anderson read his treasurer's report. He asked the Board if they wanted to switch any NENA funds between the present Certificates of Deposit and the checking account since interest rates had dropped so low; the Board recommended keeping the current allocation of funds. Tom Lacey told the group that he presently has committments for 56 dealer tables at the convention, and will be attending the ANA convention in Baltimore where he expects to further promote New England '93.

John Mullen passed around to the Board members a lead impression of the 1993 NENA medal prepared by Blackinton for approval. The Board expressed it pleasure with the medal design, and John Mullen will return the lead impression to Blackinton and authorize the die work. He also told the Board that Ken Bressett of the ANA will be attending NEW ENGLAND '93 in September, and has agreed to be a guest speaker for NENA.

The Board discussed the time schedule for the convention. Registration for dealers and Early Birds will be at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, September 24. The show will open to Early Birds at 10:00 and to the general public at noon. Early Bird admission will be $5. Admission will be charged this year with the proceeds going to NENA; one day will cost $1 and two days will cost $1.50. Life members, Young Numismatists

accompanied by an adult, and members paying 1994 NENA dues will all be admitted without charge. A meeting of the NENA Board of Directors will be held at 6:30 on Friday evening. The show will close at 7 P.m., followed by the auction at 7:15. The Little Theater Program will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. The Young Numismatists will start their meeting at 10:30. Judging for the exhibits will be done on an on-going basis and awards will be announced at the conclusion of the NENA General Meeting at noon. The Merit Badge Program for Boy and Girl Scouts will be held on Saturday afternoon. The final schedule of events at NEW ENGLAND '93 will be printed in the Program Book to be distributed to those attending the convention in September.

Among those groups which will hold meetings during the convention are the New England Variety Club, the Blackstone Valley Coin Club, the New England Medal Collectors, and Ancient Coin Collectors of New England. It is expected that other groups will schedule meetings at the convention as well.

The Board then discussed John Mullen's announced intent to step down from his position of Executive Secretary. He told the group that he believes it is in the best interest of NENA to actively involve other members in sharing responsibility for the success of the organization. Speaking as Recording Secretary, Mary Mullen concurred with this, and said that most of the jobs associated with the actual running of NENA have fallen to just two people and there is a need to involve more people. Both John and Mary said that they would remain involved with NENA, but wished to have other members assume their positions. Following this discussion, Robert Anderson volunteered to chair a nominating committee to propose a slate of officers for 1994. He will seek members for the committee and report back to the Board at the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, September 11, at 10:00 a.m. the Holiday Inn in Worcester.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary W. Mullen, Recording Secretary

NEW HAMPHIRE'S ONLY CIVIL WAR TOKEN

by

Bill Jones

Although there are now almost 11,000 known varieties of Civil War tokens (CWT's), only one has been attributed to New Hampshire. That variety was issued by Albert W. Gale who ran a restaurant near a railroad depot in Concord, New Hampshire. Gale operated his restaurant from the early 1860's until he sold his business and retired in 1897.

Gale issued one variety of copper token, and his piece is listed in Fuld's Civil War storecard manual as NH 120-A-1a. On the obverse, the token reads, "A.W. Gale / RESTORATOR / AT / DEPOT / CONCORD, N.H." The reverse reads, "GOOD FOR / ONE / CENT / IN GOODS." There are no other pictures or symbols on the token.

The Gale CWT was produced by Charles Lang who was a die sinker from Worcester, Massachusetts. Lang's distinctive storecard, which features his profile, is the only CWT that has been attributed to Worcester. Lang issued his advertising token in copper and bronze, and his storecard is listed in Fuld under the codes MA-970-A-1a and 1b. Althought Lang's die work was as good as that done by many other CWT makers, Mr. Gale may have been his only token customer. No other tokens have been attributed to Lang, but he may have issued a counterstamp that advertised another location for his business in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

At age 22, Albert Gale became a "forty-niner" when he traveled to California to search for gold. During the California gold rush, there were three ways to get to the west coast. All were difficult, time consuming and dangerous. The most difficult route was to travel overland across what would become the United States. Next was a land and sea route that involved sailing to Central America, crossing the Isthmus of Panama and sailing north to California. The third was an all sea route that involved sailing south around the tip of South America and then north to California; Gale chose this route which was the longest but the safest.

Gale set sail from Boston on February 4, 1849. In his diary, Gale noted that the first weeks were marked by heavy seas, bitter cold and snow that continued until the ship reached the Florida coast. In the following months, the ship encountered a major storm as it rounded the tip of South America. The storm blew the ship off course, and the captain was forced to spend a week in Chile for repairs and supplies. Finally on July 4, 1849, exactly five months after he had left Boston, Albert Gale arrived in San Francisco, California.

We do not know how much gold Gale found in California, but by 1851, he was getting married back home in New Hampshire. A few years later, Gale opened his restaurant, The Depot House, and in 1870 he also opened a confection and fruit shop.

Throughout his life, Gale was affectionately known as "The Forty-Niner" because of his gold prospecting adventure as a young man. After he retired in 1897, Gale spent his summers at York Beach, Maine, where he became a well known local figure.

Albert Gale died on August 31, 1909 at the age of 82. His obituary noted that he was the last surviving local resident who had participated in the California gold rush. He was also the oldest member of his local chapter of the I.O.O.F.

Some years ago, a hoard of about 200 Gale CWT's was found when the old Concord railroad station was razed. Almost all tokens from this hoard are spotty red and brown uncirculated pieces, and the majority of Gale tokens that are offered to collectors came from this group.

Under normal circumstances, the Gale token would sell for less than $20, but it commands a price of $40 to $50 because it is the only New Hampshire CWT. Many collectors try to get a CWT from each state and town where tokens were issued. Since there are no other New Hampshire CWT's, every collector who wants a complete state or town set needs the Gale token. In CWT collector jargon, the Gale piece is called a Single Merchant State (SMS) token.

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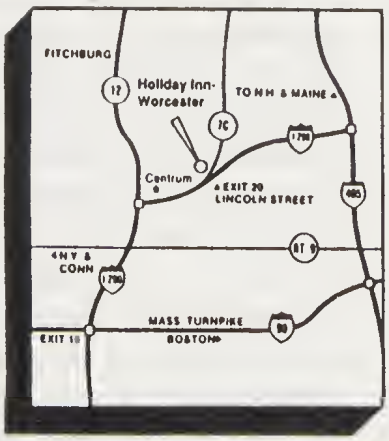

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The coin depicted on the 1993 NENA medal is the 1793 United States Half Cent, a bust of Liberty facing left with her cap supported by a pole resting on her right shoulder. The word Liberty is above the bust and the date below, framed in a circle of dots. The reverse of the 1793 coin had the legend "United States of America" which surrounded a wreath of two-leaved branches interlaced with berries. This basic design continued to be produced by the United States mint until 1809.

The 1993 NENA dollar-sized medal, struck by V.H. Blackinton and Company of Attleboro Falls, Massachusetts, will be available in copper and .999 silver. Three-medal numbered sets (gold-plate, silver, and copper) will be sold by subscription only; the deadline for ordering sets is August 27, 1993. All other medals will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis since supplies will be limited.

MISSING NENA MEMBERS...

The NENA NEWS is sent to members by third class mail, and as such is not forwarded or returned to us by the Post Office. Each year when we mail convention pre-registration forms or dues notices by first class mail, some envelopes are returned to us because members have moved and not notified NENA of new addresses. We thought some of you reading this issue of NENA NEWS might be able to help us locate the following "lost" members. We have listed the city or town of the last address in our files. If you have a current address for any of these people, please send it to NENA, P.O. Box 383, Newtonville, MA 02160. Thanks for your help.

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EXHIBITING YOUR COINS AND CURRENCY

Have you ever exhibited some of your collection at our annual convention? Perhaps you considered exhibiting your special interest, but put it off by saying "They'll probably have a lot of other exhibits anyhow, so maybe next year..."

Well, next year is now this year, and we would welcome your exhibit. One of the most important parts of being a true collector, a real numismatist, is sharing your knowledge and interests with others. Whether your imagined exhibit is simple or complicated, coins or currency, medals or other exonumia, we encourage you to join us in September, bringing your exhibit for us to display. Exhibit information was included in your pre-registration and medal order form mailed to you recently. You should contact us as soon as possible, so you don't miss out on the available exhibit space. The Exhibit Chairman for New England '93 is James Rolston, P.O. Box 37, Greenland NH 03840 - please send your exhibit application to him as soon as you can.

WHAT TO COLLECT

A Story for Young Numismatists of All Ages

by Ted Barrett

Contrary to the suggestion the title of this story might convey, I will not advise you what to collect. Rather, I will tell you about the various coins in which many collectors specialize - so that you may decide for yourself. It would seem that all humans have the instinct to collect things! That coins should be the objective of a certain proportion of the population is not unusual. At one time or another most persons have formed what might be called a coin collection. They begin by saving different dates or mint marks of coins they find in circulation. They may have saved a hundred or so pieces; this was a start. But often the embryonic collector returns the coins to circulation. If he should pass beyond this stage, he usually becomes a confirmed collector of coins. A seemingly natural inclination is for a collector to want a coin from each different country. At this stage, he is well on his way to becoming a general collector. But before he completes such a collection, he will probably become side-tracked. As his collection grows, he will become particularly interested in certain kinds of coins - perhaps it will be portraits of persons, historical events, famous buildings, animals, coats of arms, or innumerable other types that catch his fancy. Such possibilities for expansion in various fields will both delight and apall him, for the average man has just so much time and money to spend on numismatics. Many a new collector will ask me if they can make money in coins. I have to say yes and no. Some do -- most do not. However, I urgently recommend that they forget trying to buy and sell coins unless they are going into numismatics as a dealer. Collectors must not be dealers. What I do recommend is to buy, collect, upgrade your collection and save it. As you get older, you will have accumulated a vast hoard of coins that will subsidize your schooling, a home, or even retirement. Forget what you paid for your coins when the time comes to sell them; they will sell at the prevailing price at the time you sell them -- to a dealer at wholesale -- but bear in mind the fun, the history, where you purchased some of the collection. Yours is a real hobby which helps you get relaxed and rested. After all, isn't money a nice thing to collect? And think of the fun later, when you spend it!

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THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN' -- FINALLY

by

Tom Lacey

Lots of interesting things have been happening in the coin market lately. Chief among them is that prices have been slowly edging upwards. In many market scenarios this would be rather routine but as all of you know, in the coin market this is big news. 1985 and 1989 saw short-lived bull markets in high quality coins, but the last broad based run up of prices ended over 12 years ago. It's been a long drought for the coin market. Our market of 1993 should not be compared to the amazing times of 1979-80 but for those of us who remember (I must admit this includes me), this market has the look of 1977.

Where this market will go and how long it will run I'll leave to another day. What fascinates me about this process is the psychological aspects of this new market. It all began at Central States where a dealer turned to me and said, "Have you seen what's beginning to happen?" "No, what?", I said. "Prices", he said, "they're doing that other thing -- you know - the thing they do when they don't go down." "They're going up?" "Yeah, that's the word", he replied, "I've had so little use for it for the last decade that I have trouble remembering it."

This scenario continued when I returned to the store. I had a long time customer come in and ask the price of 90% silver coins. I told him that our price was now $3.50 more per dollar face. "Hey, wait a minute", he cried, "that's more than your last price! As a matter of fact, I've purchased silver from you for less than $2.85!" As I started to explain that gold and silver had moved up in response to inflationary pressures I suddenly caught myself in mid-sentence. I realized that since this customer had only been coming into the store for s-e-v-e-n years, he'd never seen a situation where a market was moving upward. I sat him down and carefully explained what was happening and how although prices have increased, what he already owned was by now worth more than what he's paid for it. He sat in wide eyed wonderment with his only comment being that everyone told him that he should collect coins only for the intellectual pursuit and not for the money. I pointed out that this was an excellent reason to collect coins. It's the reason that most of us developed a deep interest in coins in the first place. I also pointed out, though, that occasional "up"

markets come in very handy when it's time to justify to one's non-collecting spouse exactly why you're willing to abandon your family two Sundays a month and every fourth Wednesday! He seemed to like the concept.

My final customer of that day was a small investor who stops in once a week after work to check out the upcoming auction and my new purchases. Bob asked to take a look at my new greysheet. When I showed it to him, he let out an audible moan. "What's the matter?", I asked, "Things are looking pretty good right now." "Maybe from where you're sitting!", he said. "But prices on several of your coins are moving up", I added. "You don't understand -- my plan is ruined" he whined. "I was planning to use the MS:65 Morgan dollars I could buy form you at $85 to cost average with the ones that I purchased at $300, $350 and $435 a few years back. I figured that if I bought ten coins from you at $85, I'd be able to get my cost per coin for the 13 coins down to $149 per coin and minimize my losses!" I sat there for a second and then said, "Yeah, but if prices are moving up, you only have to reach..." I caught myself. I was thinking how long Bob had been coming in. You guessed it. Bob had only been coming in for a decade. How was he to understand how positive market forces worked? I sat him down and explained that while his investment strategy was sound when you feel an investment is undervalued, the fact that prices are moving up just shows that he was on the right track all along! He said that he had never thought of it quite like that. He mentioned that he'd have to go home and set all new priorities and he would get back to me with a few questions. "Amazing" was all he kept muttering to himself as he wandered our the door.

I can see that if this market continues I'm going to have my work cut out for me...

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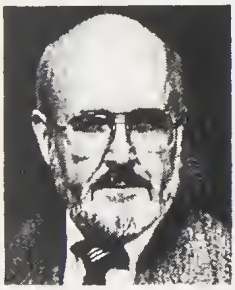

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MORE DETAILS IN THIS ISSUE OF NENA NEWS...

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1994 NENA MEDAL DESIGN COMPETITION

The first NENA Conference was held in Boston on May 23, 1941 but the second was not held until 1946. A NENA Conference and Convention has been held yearly ever since. The 1994 Conference and Convention will be our 50th! Design ideas for the 1994 NENA medal are now being accepted. Here are the simple rules:

1. Design competition is open to all NENA members except the medal coordinator. The number of entries per member is not limited.

2. The design must fit entirely within a circle with one per sheet. (An 8-1/2 x 11 paper with a 5" circle is suggested.) The idea is important; your artistic ability is not counted!

3. The design must present the 50th anniversary Conference and Convention as the main theme.

4. Do not identify yourself on the paper with the design. Attach a separate paper to each entry with your name, address, and telephone number.

5. Send entries to Robert R. Heath, NENA Medal Coordinator, 27 Wimbledon Circle, Waltham MA, 02154-7311. All entries become the property of the New England Numismatic Association and must be received by Saturday, January 8, 1994.

6. The NENA Board of Directors will select the winning design at its January meeting. The decision of the Board is final. The Board reserves the right to modify the winning design idea for whatever reason they think necessary.

Good Luck! ***DEADLINE JANUARY 8, 1994***

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow NENA Members:

As I write this last message to you as your Executive Secretary, I cannot help but think back to when my wife Mary and I first got involved in NENA. The year was 1964 and NENA was in Boston. We chaired the Registration Committee and in this capacity we worked the registration table during the entire conference. I guess we were good at it, because when NENA came back to Boston in 1969, Conference Chairman Arthur Fitts asked us to handle registration again. Then in 1973, Arthur chaired the ANA convention in Boston, and Mary and I handled registration again -- but that's another story.

In 1972 at the NENA conference in Providence, Eliott Goldberg and I had approached the NENA Board and asked if we could be considered as possible replacements for Howard Davis who was stepping down from his long-time dual role of Executive Secretary and Treasurer of NENA. The Board decided that Eliott would become Executive Secretary, and I would be the NENA Treasurer. Our terms officially began January 1, 1973 and we worked with A. George Mallis and his committee in Springfield, the site of the conference that year. Mary assumed the position of Recording Secretary in 1978 after the untimely death of Shirley Goldberg. In 1988 I became Executive Secretary after Eliott's unexpected passing. Paul White, who had long been involved with us in NENA, became Treasurer and served until 1992.

Now, as 1993 comes to an end, our current terms will end but we will continue to serve on the NENA Board in other capacities. Your new Executive Secretary, Bob Fritsch, will have an expanded Board of Directors working with him as he guides NENA these next three years; there are some veteran NENA members on the Board, but perhaps more importantly, some new faces as well. NENA needs the support and interest of all members, and welcomes suggestions and participation from all.

The 1993 convention, NEW ENGLAND '93, marked a turning point for NENA. The Board voted to work with Tom Lacey, a well known and respected professional coin show promoter. We believed that NENA could draw upon his expertise as a bourse manager while Tom could benefit from the association

of running a coin show in conjunction with the numismatic events of NENA's annual convention. New England '93 was a success, but we cannot rest on our laurels if we hope to continue to grow.

I encourage you to become involved, to contribute to this great organization -- by promoting NENA to other collectors and dealers, exhibiting at New England '94, writing for NENA News, volunteering to help out at the convention in July. This is your organization, and NENA can only be as good as its members make it.

New England '94 celebrates the 50th NENA Convention. This will be an exciting and challenging year for our organization. Come join us.

John Mullen

NENA Director Geoffrey Dean, Incoming Executive Secretary Bob Fritsch, Jack and Mary Mullen at the registration desk during NEW ENGLAND '93

NENA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 6, 1993

The meeting of the NENA Board of Directors, held at the Royal Plaza hotel in Marlboro, Massachusetts, was called to order at 10:05 a.m. on Saturday November 6 by John Mullen, Executive Secretary. Those present were Bob Anderson, Jim Rolston, Pierre Brassard, Jack Kiley, Ted Barrett, Alvan and Barbara Jones, John Kittredge, Bob Heath, Bob Fritsch, Ron Emerson, Andrea and Tom Lacey, and Carl Lundquist.

After introductions, John Mullen spoke of his involvement with NENA over the years and thanked each Board member, specifically mentioning their role in the successes of NENA. The minutes of the September Board Meeting and the Annual Meeting were accepted as read by Mary Mullen. Bob Anderson read his treasurer's report to the group.

Tom Lacey read his thoughts on New England '93, which he offered to be printed in NENA News. There was discussion about the convention held in September. It was generally agreed that New England '93 had been a successful venture both for NENA and for Tom, who had managed the bourse. Tom did tell the group of some problems he had experienced with the Holiday Inn, and said that despite the problems he believed that New England '93 had operated as a professional and cohesive unit, noting that the merger between a collectors organization and a professional show manager had benefited both. Tom said that he would write to the numismatic press to publicize the success of the convention.

Tom then presented a proposal to the group outlining his plans for New England '94, if NENA wished to continue its relationship with his company. He proposed that the convention should be held in July, a time generally without show conflicts for collectors and dealers. He said that the Board should be able to capitalize on the fact that 1994 will be the 50th NENA convention and should plan accordingly for the medal design and publicity about the convention.

Several suggestions were offered for activities at the upcoming convention, including a Post Office booth, grading seminars, more splinter group meetings, and an expanded Little Theater program. After discussion, the Board voted to accept Tom's proposal that the convention be held at the Royal Plaza Hotel in

Marlboro. This hotel is centrally located with easy access from Route 495, at the junction with Route 20.

John Mullen then proposed to the Board that two new Board postions be created. He suggested the position of NENA Convention Program Chairman, to coordinate all special activities at the annual convention. He said that Duane Shaw had volunteered to serve in this capacity. John then suggested that the position of NENA Medal Coordinator, which at one time had been a Board position, be renewed. Bob Heath had volunteered to fill this position. The NENA Medal Coordinator will be responsible for placing the medal order, with the approval of the Board, and maintaining the supply of prior year NENA medals and updating the official NENA Medal Catalog. The Board voted both positions and thanked the two volunteers. Bob Heath spoke to the Board about a proposed design for the 1994 medal, which he suggested should focus on the theme of the 50th NENA convention. He will accept the contest design entries and present them at the next Board meeting. Bob also told the Board that the New England Medal Collectors group would like to donate a special exhibit award to be given at the annual convention for an entry in the Token and Medal category. After discussion, Bob agreed to finalize the particulars about the proposed award and present the details in writing at the next Board meeting.

The Board will seek clarification about non-profit status for the organization from NENA Legal Advisor Jon Melick. It was noted that over the years NENA had received conflicting information and advice on this question, but wanted to resolve the matter for the future.

After adjournment at 12:45 p.m., the Board members and guests toured the facility with Tom Lacey and a representative from the hotel.

Bob Fritsch, incoming Executive Secretary, suggested that the next Board meeting be held January 15, 1994. The Board agreed to this date.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary W. Mullen, Recording Secretary

Bob Fritsch, Bob Heath, Ralph Bartlett and Al Jones
at the New England Medal Collectors meeting
at NEW ENGLAND '93

NENA Treasurer Bob Anderson and Director Pierre Brassard
looking over some good finds at the convention

A MESSAGE FROM NENA'S NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

As I prepare to assume the duties of your Executive Secretary, I see a large job ahead of me. Thankfully, Jack Mullen is handing over an Association that is in fine shape, one that is on the rise. I intend to continue that trend.

Numismatics is currently seen to be a dying hobby. We are in a seemingly bottomless market. Our four circulating coins have been around for over 50 years each and we have grown tired of them. The hobby is aging because we are losing young blood to sports card collecting. Attendance at coin shows is light in just about every report I read. Well, we are going to do something about it.

Our purpose is to promote the growth of numismatics throughout New England. We do that now, but can expand our scope of activity significantly. The NENA News, our quarterly publication, contains good articles about the hobby but can always use more. why don't you send one in? I am currently putting the finishing touches on some ideas which will be presented at the next Board meeting. The success or failure of any program adopted will depend largely upon the involvement of the membership. That is: YOUR participation.

Our recent convention was a resounding success, with a 90 table bourse. It was the best we've had in several years, thanks to the efforts of the NENA Board and Tom Lacey. 1994 promises to be bigger and better.

This coming year also marks the 50th convention of our Association. I think we should make a big thing out of it beginning with our convention medal, and continuing through the year with special things and goodies. Do you have any ideas? Send them to me at Box 3003, Nashua, NH 03061, or to your favorite Board member, and we'll look at them. No idea will be scrapped without due consideration.

I am looking forward to the next three years and will work to serve the Association and the membership as well as Jack Mullen has.

Bob Fritsch

A FEW THOUGHTS ON NENA AND NEW ENGLAND '93
by Tom Lacey

New England "93 is now history. We hope you were able to attend and witness the reemergence of NENA firsthand. Our goal when we began our unusual commercial/non-profit joint venture was to rebuild NENA as a vibrant, innovative organization with a convention that shows all of what's great about the coin hobby. From reaction that members of the committee received during the show, New England '93 was a large step forward toward the realization of thie goal.

The 90 table sold out bourse offered attendees a look at great varieties of collecting specialties ranging from certified coinspecialists, dealers in inexpensive collector coins and moderns, a strong representation of early copper and other type and earlier date material, foreign, paper, exonumia, and even supplies and collectible coin books! Attendees seemed to appreciate the much larger variety as well as the opportunity to sample the offerings of nearly 20 dealers from outside New England.

I've since had a chance to speak with many of the participating dealers and their reactions were for the most part very positive. Considering that many of these dealers haven't attended a NENA convention in some time and were comparing us to other regional coin shows, we were very encouraged by this response.

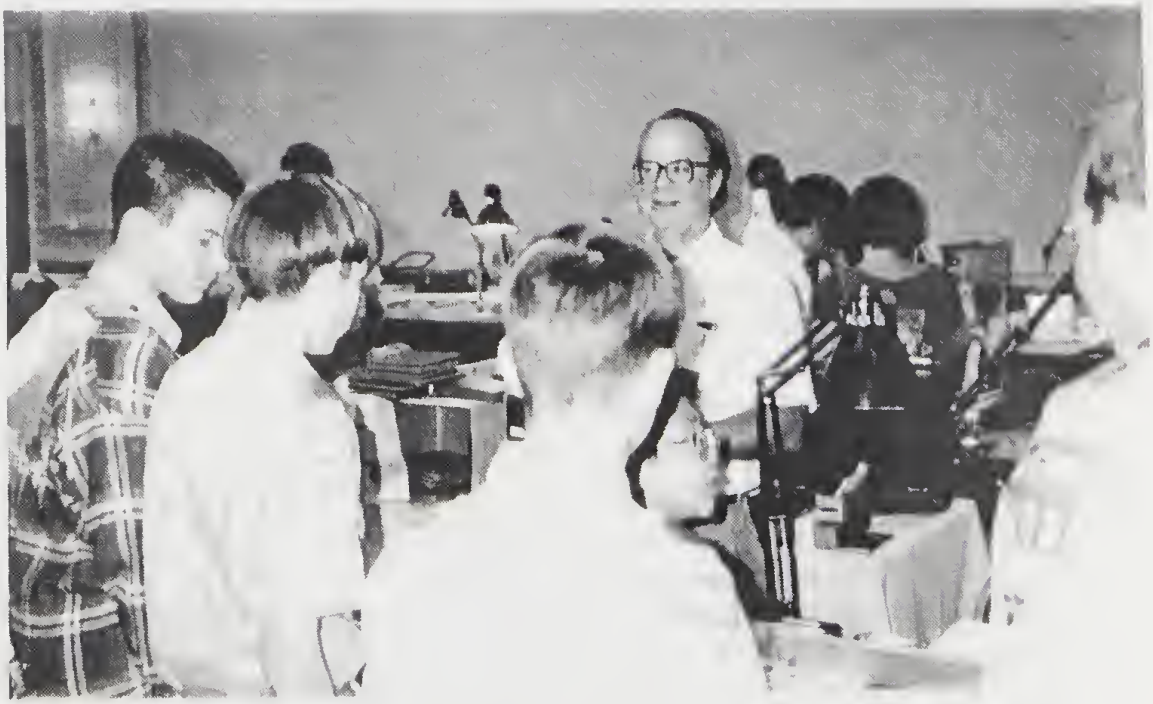
From our vantage point, Andrea and I must mention the job that Jack Mullen and his convention committee did on NENA's behalf. Any help we needed we only had to turn around and someone from the committee was there looking to assist. Andrea and I must have handed Mary Mullen a hundred membership questions and duties during the first hour of dealer set up. With the way she kept the paperwork flying as fast as we could throw it to her, we quickly surmised that she'd done the "registration thing" before! Dealers with tables moved through the registration line at a speed that would make F.U.N. and A.N.A. blush and Mary is to be largely credited. Our new Executive Secretary, Bob Fritsch, showed a great talent as "Mr. Microphone". Doing convention announcements is like being an offensive lineman in football -- nobody notices until you make a mistake. As a veteran of several hundred shows with announcers who didn't have a clue, I can tell you that Bob is to

be congratulated for helping give our show a more professional feel. Jack Kiley was like the Clint Eastwood character in the movie "Pale Rider". I show up on Thursday night and like magic the NENA showcases are waiting for us. On Saturday he shows up for what appears to be a couple of seconds and the cases are gone! Jack's superb job of handling the showcases (and let's not forget a thank you to Arthur Fitts for his generosity in storing the showcases between shows) is but one example of tons of behind the scenes work that your comittee does to ensure a quality convention. There are so many who contributed but I can't finish without mentioning Larry Gentile. Like many of you, I'd seen him around many conventions. I knew he worked with YN programs but hadn't really had a chance to meet him. I'd been told that he was coming in from New York on Thursday. What I didn't expect was to see him with our set up crew when I arrived at 10 pm! After a long journey to Worcester, Larry helped us lug tables and chairs until well after midnight. His positive attitude and enthusiasm for all things numismatic readily showed us how he can take a group of youngsters into a classroom for four hours or so, talk coins, and have them disappointed when it's over!

As much as I look forward to working with our new Executive Secretary, I'll personally miss NENA under Jack Mullen. From the very beginning, Jack treated us very well. We were impressed that such a longtime member wasn't willing to cling to outmoded ideas if a new concept could help NENA and numismatics. As I got to know him better. I grew to appreciate his skills as an administrator. Jack always insists that everyone's ideas are important and worth discussing. Even if he personally loved an idea he would be quick to add, "Now we'll have to see what the Board thinks first". His low key positive attitude sets a tone that keeps his Board, and us, searching for new and better approaches to NENA's challenges.

I knew from the beginning that Jack was on top of things. At the 1992 NENA convention, the Board had just approved my proposal for 1993. Jack came over to congratulate us. He said, "I have a good feeling about your plan and I look forward to working with you." I thanked him for his efforts and asked him if he had anything else for me before I went to work on the bourse floor. "Just one thing", he said grinning, "Mary had a chance to look up your old NENA membership number. You can stop by and pay your dues on the way to the bourse." He got me. I paid up.

NEW ENGLAND '93 Dealer Bourse Area



Boy Scouts attending the YN Program
visit Arthur Fitts' bourse table

Larry Gentile, NENA YN Activities Coordinator,
and his attentive audience at NEW ENGLAND '93

We are very fortunate indeed to have Board Member Larry Gentile, the NENA Young Numismatists Activities Coordinator. Larry lives in New Rochelle, New York, and has been an active member of NENA since 1979. He is a longtime collector and experienced numismatist, specializing in ancient coins. Larry enjoys exhibiting his collection and sharing his knowledge with other hobbyists. Larry has been instrumental in the development of programs for young collectors throughout the northeast area.

As our YN Coordinator, each year Larry provides an entertaining and educational program for young numismatists. There are stories, games, and contests -- all designed to teach our younger collectors about the hobby and its history. Larry believes in having fun while learning, and to the amazement of many at the convention, his young audience pays close and careful attention all throughout the activities. Larry usually walks the young numismatists through the bourse area early in the session, pointing out coins, currency, and other items of special interest, all the time sharing his vast knowledge with his young friends. With his friendly persuasive manner, Larry often convinces dealers in the bourse area to donate items for his YN auction and raffle. Lunch is part of his program, too, and the YN's get to know one another better as they sit and chat about their special interests.

For the past few years, Duncan Maclean has been assisting Larry at NENA conventions. Duncan is a well known collector in the Worcester area, with special interests in youth sports and the Boy Scouts. He has coordinated the Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge program at NENA, and led some of the sessions at the YN meetings.

Larry has been accompanied at the last two conventions by Tom Lawless of Flushing, New York, a well respected authority on Papal Medals. Tom attends the YN program along with the kids, since he is just a kid at heart anyway!

NENA supports the YN activities through the NENA Past Presidents Fund. Each year, with the annual dues mailing, we remind members of the Fund and its purpose, and many members add a donation to their dues check. Contributions are also received from members who read about the Fund in NENA News, and donations are made at the registration desk at the annual convention.

Many thanks to you, Larry, for all your great efforts on behalf of NENA and our young collectors, and congratulations on winning the Eliott Goldberg Memorial Best of Show Award for your exhibit at NEW ENGLAND '93!

Larry Gentile, Tom Lawless, and Duncan Maclean
NENA YN Activities Program team

NEW ENGLAND '94 -- BIGGER AND BETTER FOR NENA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION

As you have read elsewhere in this issue, the NENA Board of Directors recently accepted a proposal put forth by our firm, Massasoit Rare Coins, for the 1994 NENA Convention. We are very pleased to be working with NENA again. Your Board of Directors and I are aiming for an even bigger and better event for this coming year.

I'd like to take this opportunity to give you an idea of what we have in store for you at NEW ENGLAND '94. To begin, we are changing our location to the Royal Plaza Hotel in Marlboro, Massachusetts. The new location is less than 15 minutes from the site of NEW ENGLAND '93, right off Route 495. The Royal Plaza is much larger than the Holiday Inn (445 rooms vs. 142 at the Holiday Inn) and ranks with many Boston hotels in elegance. Only seven years old, the Royal Plaza features a ballroom that will fit 120 tables plus exhibits. It has excellent facilities for club meetings, featured speakers, and a fantastic amphitheatre for the auction and YN program.

We have changed the time of year for NEW ENGLAND '94. It will be held on July 8 and 9, 1994. These dates are a Friday and Saturday. I'd like to take a couple of moments to discuss this change into the summer months. Fall 1994 is shaping up to be very busy. September and October are rapidly filling up with other major shows. Bay State will again be in October. Both East Coast Expo and the Baltimore Show have yet to announce firm dates although they have said that they would like a September date (East Coast) and an October date (Baltimore). This uncertainty led us to look for a date in early November but the only date available was at the end of the month. Potential weather problems and Thanksgiving kept us away from there. It then occurred to us that the Garden State Convention was often held at the end of June and when it was well run, it was very successful. A scan of the schedule shows a lack of quality shows in the weeks leading up to ANA. Most dealers we know like to work right up to ANA and then take part of August off. We figure that we can provide them; with a great place to work just when our area becomes truly "summer". Dealers and collectors from out of the area can build a nice vacation around New England '94. We're only 30

minutes from New Hampshire, 30 minutes from the Berkshires, and an hour and 15 minutes from Cape Cod!

We again have what we feel is a great room rate. The rack rate for a room in the Royal Plaza is $105. Our convention rate is only $65 per night, single or double. For a reservation, call the hotel at (508) 460-0700, ask for reservations and request the NEW ENGLAND '94 convention rate.

We'll have more information for you in the next NENA News. In the meantime, I'm interested in your thoughts regarding either NEW ENGLAND '93 or '94. You can either write (Thomas Lacey, P.O. Box 406, Wrentham, MA 02093) or call and leave a message at (508) 543-7711. I'll be happy to present your comments to the Board at the next meeting in January. Remember -- it's YOUR association. Let's hear from you!

Tom Lacey
Show Manager

NENA Convention Program Chairman Duane Shaw (left) discussing NEW ENGLAND '93 with Tom Lacey

NENA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 24, 1993

The meeting of the NENA Board of Directors at the annual convention held at the Holiday Inn in Worcester, Massachusetts, was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 24, 1993, by John Mullen, Executive Secretary. Those Board members present were Larry Gentile, Ted Barrett, Alvan Jones, Jack Kiley, Jim Rolston, Robert Anderson, Pierre Brassard, and Mary Mullen, Members present were Bob Heath, Tom and Andrea Lacey, Robert Fritsch, Tom Lawless, and Ken Bressett. Bertha Bressett was present as a guest.

The minutes of the prior meeting were accepted as printed in NENA News. Robert Anderson gave his treasurer's report. The Board offered congratulations to Tom and Andrea Lacey for their work in making this convention such a success for NENA and for all dealers and attendees. A recommendation was made that the Board send a letter of thanks to Bill Jones who was instrumental in bringing together the NENA Board and Tom Lacey.

Bob Anderson presented a proposed slate of officers for the term commencing January 1, 1994 and noted that no one had volunteered or been nominated for the position of Recording Secretary. The proposed slate included the names of Robert Fritsch as Executive Secretary and the current Board members whose terms will expire December 31, 1993 and who had agreed to continue to serve on the NENA Board: Jack Kiley, Pierre Brassard, Alvan Jones, Larry Gentile, and Jon Melick. Also presented were the names of John Mullen as Editor, NENA News, Mary Mullen as Membership Coordinator, and Ron Emerson as Regional Director. Bob told the group that he had solicited input from several members of the organization, but no others had stepped forward to offer to serve on the Board. After receiving confirmation of the proposed slate by the Board, Bob told the group that he would present the same at the General Meeting the following day, and nominations from the floor would be welcomed.

A suggestion was made that the Board members provide articles fo the numismatic press about the success achieved by NENA, a regional coin collectors organization, working in a joint

venture with a professional show promoter in bringing about such a successful numismatic event as New England '93.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary W. Mullen, Recording Secretary

NENA ANNUAL MEETING
September 25, 1993

The Annual Meeting of the New England Numismatic Association was called to order at 12:01 p.m. by John Mullen, Executive Secretary, on Saturday, September 25, 1993 at the Holiday Inn in Worcester, Massachusetts. The minutes of the Annual Meeting held at the 1992 Conference in Worcester were accepted as read by Mary Mullen, Recording Secretary. Robert Anderson read his treasurer's report to the 25 members and guests present. Jan Dyroff, who coordinated the Little Theater program at New England '93, thanked presenters Arthur Fitts and Bill Jones; the organization extended its thanks to Jan as coordinator of the program and as one of the Little Theater speakers. Jim Rolston announced the winners of the exhibits by category: Medals, Robert Heath; Miscellaneous, Arthur M. Fitts III; Foreign, George Bilodeau; and Ancients, Larry Gentile. It was noted that the winner of the US category was Jim Rolston. Two special awards were announced: the Eliott L. Goldberg Memorial Best of Show Award winner was Larry Gentile, and the Paul F. White Exonumia Award winner was Arthur Fitts. Jim noted that special thanks ahould be given to Bill Jones, a prior Best of Show winner, who had entered a non-competetive exhibit.

John Mullen thanked the Board members whose present terms would be expiring on December 31 and announced that they would be receiving special uniface NENA silver medals in recognition of their service. These Board members are Jack Kiley, Pierre Brassard, and Alvan Jones.

Bob Anderson, who chaired the nominating committee, presented the proposed slate of officers: Executive Secretary,

Robert Fritsch; Treasurer, Robert Anderson; Legal Advisor, Jon Melick; YN Coordinator, Larry Gentile; NENA News Editor, John Mullen; Regular Directors, Jack Kiley, Pierre Brassard, and Alvan Jones; Regional Directors, Ron Emerson, Beth Rolston, Geoffrey Dean, and John Kittredge. He then asked for nominations from the floor. The name of Carl Lundquist was offered as Regional Director, and he accepted the nomination. There were two positions open at the conclusion of nominations, one Regional Director and Recording Secretary. The secretary was requested to cast one ballot, which was done. Following this, Alvan Jones offered the name of Duncan MacLean to fill the Regional Director position, which he agreed to accept. The position of Recording Secretary remained vacant. After this, John Mullen thanked those who will serve on behalf of the organization, and noted that the new officers and directors are catching NENA on an upswing and he is confident they will serve NENA well.

Ken Bressett of the ANA, guest speaker at the Annual Meeting, then addressed the group. He stated that he was proud of NENA, and advised those present that the coin collecting community was watching this new joint venture between a collectors organization and a professional show promoter very carefully. He said that NENA was unique in the country in this undertaking, and he was very pleased that NENA had the foresight to make such an important change. Ken offered his congratulations to all, especially Tom Lacey who always kept the collectors viewpoint in sight. Ken said that the ANA recognized that there is a need to assist clubs in such efforts, to provide expertise and help in such promotions. He said that perhaps the hobby has grown a bit stale, or complacent, in recent years and there needs to be a rethinking or setting of new targets for the hobby, such as appealing specifically to youth or senior citizens to provide a solid future for the hobby. He spoke of the successful lobbying effort by collectors in Canada which resulted in the minting of commemorative coins for each province, a program which moved into circulation coins which had a historical and educational perspective for collectors and non-collectors alike. Ken suggested that this might be a good approach for US hobbyists who might wish to lobby Congress to begin such a program in US coinage. He acknowledged that there is a perception that Congress is resistant to change in minting coinage, and a concerted effort by collectors might help to start a rethinking of the entire coinage system in the United States. Ken again applauded the

efforts of the NENA Board and Tom Lacey, and reminded the group that New England '93 was being watched as an example of how coin organizations could succeed in the future by being unafraid to change their approach. He thanked NENA for inviting him to renew old friendships and speak to the group. He then accepted NENA's annual dues check for ANA membership from Bob Anderson, with thanks on behalf of the ANA for NENA's continued support. John Mullen presented a 1993 silver NENA medal to Ken in appreciation of his contribution to the convention's success.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary W. Mullen, Recording Secretary

Ken Bressett, ANA Vice President, speaking
at the NENA Annual Meeting

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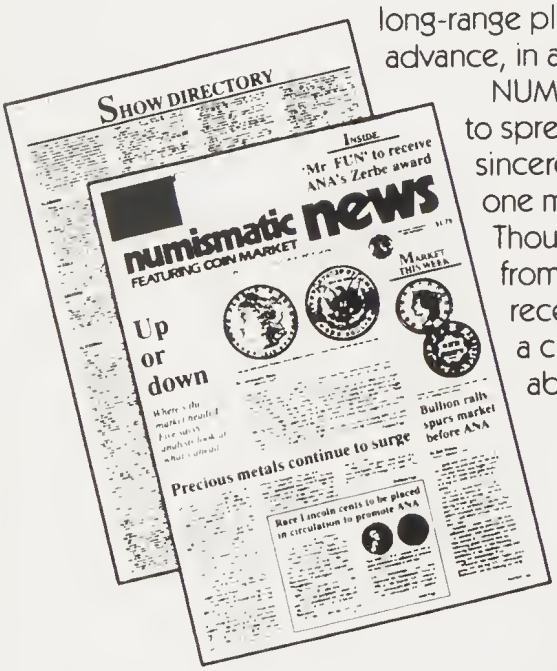

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